

## ***1997 Nursery IPM Report - Erie County***

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### **Background:**

1997 was the third year for the IPM program in Erie County. It was our goal to provide the structure in facilitating transition to privatization for 5 (of 6) nurseries completing their third year.

In 1995 we reorganized and strengthened the nursery IPM effort in Erie County following its initiation in 1988-1989. We developed effective reporting forms and clarified the role of CCE and NYS IPM program within the IPM efforts in WNY. In 1996 & 1997 we utilized this information and developed sound IPM practices.

### **1997 Objectives:**

- 1 - Encourage & involve new cooperators.
- 2 - Provide structure to the 5 nurseries beginning their third year to facilitate transition to a private IPM program.
- 3 - Improve the effectiveness of nursery pest management strategies to use least toxic pesticides and reduce pesticide use.
- 4 - Improve existing resource manuals.
- 5 - Build on the weed IPM program that began in 1996.
- 6 - Continue to use new and feasible monitoring techniques for key pests.
- 7 - Provide educational opportunities for non-participating nurseries.
- 8 - Increase visibility of the IPM program.

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